

Sweet downtown eatery flying to new, larger space

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BELOIT — The Flying Pig is spreading its wings and will have more to offer in a new location.

The downtown Beloit cafe and sweets shop will move from its current address at 430 E. Grand Ave. across the street into the larger space at 431 E. Grand Ave. that used to house Cafe Fromage. The move is expected to take place in early April, according to owner Lisa Dodd. And, she said, food items will be added to the menu.

Dodd said the move is needed because space is too tight in the current spot.

“We’re out of room in the back,” he said. “We have a lot going on back there with the cookies, truffles, fudge and popcorn.”

The new spot will have a larger kitchen not only for those, but also for breakfast and lunch offerings as well as beer, wine and hand-dipped ice cream.

Dodd said she is currently working with a local chef to design the menu, but one thing she knows for certain will be included are cinnamon rolls.

“We want to do things that nobody else is doing,” she said. “We’ll see where we go from there.”

Dodd was resistant, at first, to do breakfast and lunch because it would be such a huge undertaking, but her customers kept asking for it. So, she said, she’s hiring new full-time staff members to oversee the new facet of the business.

The hours will change as well, she said. Instead of opening at 10 a.m., the new location will open at 8 a.m.

Artist Nikole Wagner who maintains the Doodles art studio above the Flying Pig’s new location will keep her current spot, and the two businesses will partner for upcoming events, according to Dodd.



Flying Pig makes a big move

Flying pig owner Lisa Dodd is flanked by two of her employees in what will soon be the shop's new location across the street from its current one. On the left is Kelsey Bogdan, and on the right is Debi Nelson.